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SUBJECT: GITMO DETAINEES: A NON-ISSUE IN SLOVAKIA

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1. (SBU) Embassy has shared reftel talking points with Prime Minister Dzurinda's foreign policy advisor, and will also share them with experts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the week of August 8 (most of the lead people have been on vacation during recent weeks).

2. (SBU) The issues surrounding Guantanamo detainees have not received wide public attention in Slovakia. An aggressive campaign to explain U.S. policy risks opening the issue for public debate and sparking controversy where presently none exists. We look forward to receiving additional fact sheets and publicly releasable materials that Washington will be providing on this issue, and will distribute them to key media and academic contacts.  
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